

# TO THE PEOPLE OF UXBRIDGE.

*Friends,*

**Y**our Conditions is grieved and lamented over, your want of the life of God, and barrenness of his power amongst you, whose leane souls are seen, whose barrenness, and barren womb appears, who little thirsts after the living God, whose wildness, wantonness, and negligence of the everlasting salvation appears; yet full, like *Sodom and Gomorrah*, being full of that which is wicked and profane; the streets of your Town will manifest it. O people, where is your salvation, and what assurance have you of that, and of your Eternal Inheritance, where nothing that doth defile, enters? O are ye come to examine, and see whether Christ be in you, or no, that wickedness, profaneness, unrighteousness, ungodliness, filthiness, might go out of you? For if Christ be found within you, the strong man goes out that has kept the house, and defiled the heart, and the body, and the mind, and that prisoned the soule; If Christ be felt within, there's the soules Bishop. O people, I am grieved with your abominations, and filthiness, and unfavourableness, and untowardness, and your unsubjected state to the life and power of God; If you do not repent, and that your mindes be not changed to serve the living God in Spirit, which mortifies sinne and corruption, the Earth will vomit you out, who has cumbered it, and destroyed the Creatures of God on your filthy ungodly lusts, and that you have served and pleased. O I am weary of mine adversaries saith the Lord, I am weary of your abominations, ye have loaded the just, and pressed it as a Cart with sheaves, your hearts are gross and fat; with your tongues, you have talked of God, but your hearts has been farre off, after your own ends: your younger children, boyes and people are full of lightness, wildness, folly, and vanity, and envie, and mocking, scorn and derision, (which is not a good favour in your streets) stubbornness, and untowardness, and profaneness, and wildness, more like *Esaus* and *Ishmaels* stock, then *Isaacs* and *Jacob's*; your old men are not sober, nor solid, nor grave, and so they are not good patterns to the younger: so ye are all more like Heathens then Christians, empty of the good, full of the forgetfulness of God, and out of his fear, as though there was no God, as though ye had never heard talk of God, nor Scripture, nor Christ; But this saying is fulfilled, *The Teachers have not profited the people at all*, *Jer. 23*. But like people, like Priest. But what a Teacher is he that must serve this people? who must be the Prophet, or the Priest, that must fit such a people? Surely he must be such a one as teaches for filthy lucre, and bears Rule by his meanes, that will devise for money, that will preach peace to them, while they put into their mouthes, such as mindes *Earthly things*, who serves not the Lord *Jesus Christ*, but their own bellies, that has such fruites in the streets: But such as seeks for their gain from their quarter, and the price, never lead people to the Lord, but lead them into the Earth, and to be like themselves, and they live like beasts and swine, as you may read, *Jer. 5. Mic. 3. Ezek. 34. Esai 56. Jer. 23. Rom. 13. Matthew 23*, whose fruits declares it. And away with the profession of God with your lips, while your hearts are farre off; and away with your making a trade of the Scriptures, Christs and the Prophets and the Apostles words, which many suffered death for giving them forth; and away with your lukewarmness, and away with your carnal formality, and away with your Doctrines and Traditions of men, which perishes in the using of them, and away with your singing of *Dauids quakings*, and tremblings, and fastings in Meeter, and come to sing in the spirit; and away with your hour-glasse preaching, and hypocritical praying, and your old Masse-house worship, which is called Steeple-house or Church; and come to the Church in God, *1 Thess. 1.* and to worship God in Spirit; *John 4.* and the Lord is come to teach his people himselfe by his Spirit, and to bring them off from all the worlds Teachers, and Churches, and wayes, to Christ, the way to himselfe, and he doth enlighten every one that cometh into the world, that all through the light might believe; and every one believing in the light which hath enlightened them, they shall become the children of the light; But they that hate the light that doth

enlighten them, they hate Christ, and that condemnes them: and that's the light that lets the Drunkard see he should not be drunk, and the curser that he should not curse, nor swear, and the thief, that he should not steale; and that the cosiner should not cote, nor cheat, nor wrong, nor defraud; and lets the profane see he should not profane; and lets the envious man see he should not envie, nor fight, nor quarrell, nor lie, nor commit adultery; that's the light which discovers that: not to look after a woman to lust after her, that's the light that saith so, which if ye love the light, it will let you see all your evill thoughts, words and actions which be wrought out of God, and turn you from them; and coming into the light, your works will be wrought in God, and your words will be from him, and so good: that is in every one of your bosomes that will judge you, and condemn you acting contrary to it, and reprove you; which if you consider it, and hearken to it, it will turn your minds to the Lord God; But if you hate it, it will be your condemnation. Therefore now while you have time, consider and prize it, for this is the day of your Visitation, and Salvation profered to you: and with the light, with which you see your sin, which Christ *Jesus* hath enlightened you withall, with the same you may see your salvation, Christ *Jesus*, from whence it comes, to save you from your sin. And people, that which may be known of God is made manifest within you, which God hath shewed unto you, that when you do the thing which is not convenient, not righteous, but worthy of death, by that of God in you ye can tell; and while your minds is reprobate from that, ye are all strangers from the life of God, and the covenant of Promise. And Friends, the light ye must feel in your own hearts, to give you the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ, *2 Cor. 4.* and all the children of the Lord, shall be taught of the Lord; *Esai. 54.* and ye must come to know the anointing in you, to teach you, *1 John 2.* and the Kingdome of Heaven ye must know within you, *Luke 17.* and that's it which never consents to sin. And ye must come to know the New Covenant, the Law in your minds, and in your hearts, by which ye need not say to one another, know the Lord, But that all might come to know him, from the greatest to the least, that witness the Law of God put and written in your minds and hearts, that you may come to witness the Lord is your God, and ye his people.

Repent, lest you come to say you had time, when it is past; so from a lover of your soules, and your eternal good.

*G. F.*

**C**ome, away with your self-righteousness, and your feigned Humility, and your Will-worship, and your Carnal-security, and take heed of drunkenness, and filthiness, and profaneness, and scoffing, mocking, scorning, and derision, for such who lives in such things, and acts such things, shall never inherit the Kingdom of God; and away with that you call your Sacraments, and your sprinkling infants, and come to Christ the substance, and come to the Spirit, that you may be baptized into one body, that you may come to possess the things the Scripture speaks of.

The very Mist of the Aire is among you, and so are so light, and vain, which are the Prince of the Aires fruits, and the Priests who has long preacht for his mouth; But if ye put not into his mouth, see if he turn not against you, and you shall not keep him long: so look unto Christ *Jesus* to teach you, who said, *Learn of me*, who is the way to the Father, who hath enlightened you, that with the light you may see him, who is the bread to feed upon; but if you hate it, then you feed upon Husks.

*This is to be read among the people of Uxbridge*

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